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SUBJECT: VALENCIA ON SABAH CLAIM

1. EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA WROTE RE SABAH ON MAY 17: QUOTE NEWS FROM SABAH SAYS THE SABAH GOVERNMENT HAS STOPPED AIDING MUSLIM REBELS IN MINDANAO AND REFUSES TO BE A REFUGE OF FUGITIVES FROM THE MINDANAO FIGHTING. BUT-SAID THE STORY-THE SABAHANS ARE DEAD SET AGAINST THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM OF SOVERINGTY OR OWNERSHIP OF SABAH. I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR THAT. THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RENOUNCE THAT CLAIM. IT IS PRODUCING NOTHING BUT IRRITATION. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ASEAN CONCORD, WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PURSUE THAT CLAIM ANYHOW. AND WE CAN'T BE COLONIALISTS AT THIS LATE DATE IN WORLD HISTORY END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE HAD CAUSE TO LEARN, VALENCIA PRONOUNCEMENTS MAY OR MAY NOT REFLECT VIEWS OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. IN ANY EVENT THIS COLUMN MAY ENCOURAGE OUR MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN
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DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES TO THINK THAT GOP MAY

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"RENOUNCE"SABAH CLAIM, AS THEY SAY THEY BELIEVE
MARCOS PROMISED AT BALI SUMMIT.
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